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Season Greetings to All Warriors!

1. Happy Holidays! Donna and I would like to wish each of you a safe and joyous Holiday Season. Our troops remain the centerpiece of our Army and Air Force while faithfully and proudly supporting our Nation in fighting this Global War on Terror. So during this very special time, I ask that each of you take every opportunity to make this holiday season here in the Warrior Division special for you and your fellow Warriors.
2. Every one of you – Soldier, Airmen and civilian - contribute to the mission of peace, stability and freedom for the citizens of the Republic of Korea and your sacrifices and support have made it possible for all Americans and ROK citizens to enjoy freedom, democracy and the opportunity to celebrate this holiday season in peace.
3. I realize that many of you are away from home, your families and loved ones, but here in Warrior Country we are all family and I would ask that you take time out of your busy schedule to share this joyous occasion and make each moment special for those who do not have families here and will be alone. Also, let us not forget those who have sacrificed so much with their selfless service and personal sacrifices, so as you reflect on another great year, let us keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers.
4. Even though this holiday season is traditionally a joyful time of the year when we celebrate with family, loved ones and friends, it is also a time that can be overshadowed by tragic accidents. So I must put an emphasis on Safety. Leaders must take the lead and emphasize safety during this holiday. Remind Soldiers, Airmen and civilian employees of the hazards associated with this season and how to apply the composite risk management process to control hazards. As a minimum, the following should be addressed:
 - ☐ “Under the Oak Tree Counseling” – Leaders will use this to express to Soldiers the hazards associated with the winter holiday and measures to take to reduce these hazards.
 - ☐ Cold Weather injuries are preventable. Plan for adverse weather conditions and dress appropriately. Slips, trips and falls can cause serious injuries, so anticipate and react to hazards of ice and snow on walking surfaces.
 - ☐ Traffic Safety during the winter holidays is of utmost importance. Reduce speed for winter road conditions. Ensure all occupants are wearing seatbelts. Ensure personnel traveling provide travel plans and emergency contact numbers to first line supervisors.
 - ☐ Holiday social celebrations may include serving alcoholic beverages. Plan to have a designated driver or use public transportation. Remember, you represent 2ID and the United States of America 24/7.

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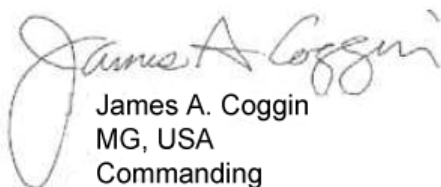
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5. Working together as a "TEAM" will ensure all Soldiers, Airmen and civilians have a safe and accident free holiday season.

6. It is a great honor and privilege to serve alongside each of you and it is with immense personal pride and genuine appreciation that Donna and I extend to you – the Warriors of the 2nd Infantry Division, our most sincere heartfelt thanks and prayers. God Bless each of you and your families for your tremendous sacrifices and the service you render for the people of America and the Republic of Korea.

7. Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,


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